

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3390  
INFO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY TOKYO  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR KS CG  
SUBJ: ZAIRE REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE

REFS: (A) SEOUL 3161 (NOTAL), (B) 76 SEOUL 1318 (NOTAL),  
(C) 76 SEOUL 1319 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: KOREA EXPRESSES MODERATE INTEREST IN ZAIRE REQUEST  
FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. NO RESPONSE YET FROM KINSHASA. END  
SUMMARY.

1. HYON HUI-KANG, CHIEF, MOFA WEST AFRICA DIVISION, TOLD EMBOFF  
APRIL 18 ZAIRE HAS REQUESTED MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM ROK.  
REQUEST FOR LOGISTIC AID, AMMUNITION, AND PETROLEUM BY ZAIRE  
TOKYO EMBASSY IN MID-MARCH FOLLOWING ROK SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL  
ENVOY KIM CHONG-PIL'S CORDIAL VISIT TO KINSHASA MARCH 2-6  
(REF A) IS APPRENTLY FIRST TIME ZAIRE HAS BROACHED THIS SUBJECT  
SINCE ENGULU MISSION TO SEOUL FEBRUARY 1976 (REFS B&C).

2. ON MOFA INSTRUCTIONS LAST WEEK, ROK AMBASSADOR IN KINSHASA  
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SIN KI-HUM COMMUNICATED TO GOZ KOREAN WILLINGNESS IN LIGHT OF  
ROK-ZAIRE RELATIONS TO SUPPLY NON-LETHAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT  
SUCH AS UNIFORMS AND BOOTS. ROKG STILL AWAITS RESPONSE. HYON'S  
REPLIES TO EMBOFF QUESTIONS -- THAT ROKG PREFERS BECAUSE OF  
AWKWARDNESS NOT TO SEND MEDICINES, BUT WOULD CONSIDER GOZ  
REQUEST IF MADE; THAT ROKG WOULD  
ACCEPT PAYMENT FOR SUPPLIES,

BUT DOES NOT YET RULE OUT GRANT AID ARRANGEMENT--SEEM TO INDICATE  
ROK OFFER IS STILL GENERAL AND FLEXIBLE. HYON ALSO SAID ROKG  
DOES NOT NECESSARILY REGARD THIS REQUEST AS SIMILAR TO ENGULU  
REQUEST, SINCE SITUATION IN ZAIRE IS DIFFERENT.

3. HYON ALSO REPORTED INTERESTING BY-PLAY BETWEEN MOFA AND  
AMBASSADOR SIN. SIN INITIALLY REFUSED, ON GROUNDS SITUATION  
IN ZAIRE WAS TOO CONFUSED TO COMPLY WITH ROKG INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED  
SOME TIME AGO ON APPROACH TO GOZ, FINALLY MAKING APPROACH  
ONLY ON SECOND SET OF INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED LAST WEEK AFTER MOROC-  
CAN INTERVENTION IMPROVED SITUATION.  
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